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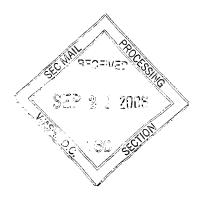
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Dear Sirs

Premier Oil plc (t/k/a Premier Oil Group plc) Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption: File No. 82-34723

In accordance with Premier Oil plc's exemption from the disclosure requirements under Rule 12g3-2(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, please find enclosed the following press release dated 31st January 2006:

"Egypt : Drilling Update Al Amir Wells".

Yours faithfully

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Press Release

PREMIER OIL PLC ("Premier" or "the Company")

Drilling update

Egypt

The Al Amir-2 well was drilled to appraise the 2005 Al Amir discovery on the onshore North West Gemsa Concession in Egypt. The discovery well, Al Amir-1, had flowed oil at over 750 bopd from the South Gharib Formation. The Al Amir-2 well has confirmed oil at the same reservoir level; however, on test the well flowed water and oil at sub-commercial rates. The Al Amir-2 well is therefore being plugged and abandoned.

The joint venture is evaluating the data to identify the options for the forward programme on the licence, including a long term production test on Al-Amir-1. Premier holds a 37.5% share in the licence.

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